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## ***Sudan – NGO Expulsions***

Fact Sheet #3, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

March 30, 2009

*Note: The last fact sheet was dated March 26, 2009*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On March 26, U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes briefed the U.N. Security Council on the joint Government of National Unity (GNU)–U.N. assessment mission to Darfur, highlighting gaps in assistance due to the non-governmental organization (NGO) expulsions as well as ongoing bureaucratic impediments and harassment against humanitarian staff.
- Although the Sudanese government has committed to fill immediate gaps in humanitarian assistance, Holmes expressed concern regarding the sustainability of the GNU's assistance as well as the availability of expertise to conduct the necessary interventions.
- On March 29, the GNU Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) commenced a joint assessment of the impact of the early March NGO expulsions on the humanitarian situation in the Three Areas. According to an SPLM official, the assessment includes a review of the loss of ongoing and future development assistance on the population. Donors expect to review the assessment findings and provide feedback prior to the compilation of the final report. The March 4 and 5 NGO expulsions affected five of the largest international aid agencies working in the Three Areas, including PADCO-AECOM, the primary implementing partner of USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI).

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	
<b>Total Affected Population in Darfur</b>	4.7 million	OCHA <sup>1</sup> – March 2009
<b>Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Darfur</b>	2.7 million	OCHA – March 2009
<b>Population with Reduced Access to Health Care due to Expulsions</b>	1.5 million	OCHA – March 2009
<b>Population with Reduced Access Adequate Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services due to Expulsions</b>	1.16 million	UNICEF <sup>2</sup> – March 2009
<b>Population with Reduced Access to Food Aid due to Expulsions</b>	1.1 million	OCHA – March 2009

### **FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Sudan and eastern Chad .....\$22,935,341  
 USAID/FFP<sup>3</sup> Assistance to Sudan and eastern Chad .....\$372,515,300  
 State/PRM<sup>4</sup> Assistance to Sudan and eastern Chad .....\$35,575,000  
**Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Sudan and eastern Chad.....\$431,025,641**

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- During the March 26 U.N. Security Council briefing, Holmes noted several limiting assumptions in the assessment, including the assumptions that no new needs would arise in Darfur, that conflict would subside, and that regular and reliable access to the population would be possible. However, according to the U.N., the humanitarian community has experienced decreasing levels of access to vulnerable populations since 2006, with organizations only able to access 65 percent of the population in Darfur as of October 2008. In addition, ongoing conflict and insecurity have displaced approximately 65,000 individuals since the beginning of 2009, resulting in increasing humanitarian needs.
- At the U.N. Security Council briefing, Holmes noted further concerns regarding continuing harassment of NGOs and bureaucratic impediments to humanitarian program implementation. The GNU HAC had approved only seven percent of technical agreements—the document required for NGOs to obtain work and travel permits—as of March 26. Holmes indicated that the GNU should repair and strengthen the legal and administrative frameworks governing humanitarian agencies' operations in Sudan to rebuild confidence among remaining NGOs.

<sup>1</sup> U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

<sup>2</sup> U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)

<sup>3</sup> USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

### **Health**

- As of March 20, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) had recorded 348 meningitis cases in the 10 northern states of Sudan. In Darfur, WHO had recorded 75 suspected meningitis cases and 5 meningitis-related deaths in 22 IDP camps as of March 22. In response to continuing meningitis concerns, WHO, UNICEF, and the South Darfur State Ministry of Health (MOH) vaccinated more than 20,000 people for meningitis in Bielel IDP camp in South Darfur. On March 25, WHO, UNICEF, the West Darfur State MOH, and NGOs planned to conduct a vaccination campaign in the Jebel Marra area of West Darfur targeting more than 29,000 individuals.
- In South Darfur, WHO reported 10 meningitis cases between March 14 and 20. Despite the Sudanese MOH's declaration of a meningitis outbreak in Kalma IDP camp in South Darfur on March 2, the number of meningitis cases in the camp remains unknown due to the expulsion of key health NGOs from the camp. As of March 30, Kalma camp community leaders continue to refuse GNU health staff and NGOs access to the camp, and health partners are unable to commence the camp's planned meningitis vaccination campaign.
- In North Darfur, WHO reported 15 meningitis cases between March 15 and 24. Shangil Tobayi IDP camp in North Darfur reached the meningitis alert threshold of three reported meningitis cases during the week of March 14. However, medical staff have not performed meningitis case sampling or confirmed the reported cases in a lab due to inaccessibility and the limited number of doctors available in rural health clinics.

### **Nutrition**

- In late March, Tearfund presented the preliminary results of the organization's nutrition survey conducted in West Darfur between November 27 and December 4, 2008. The preliminary survey results demonstrated a global acute malnutrition (GAM) rate of 10.4 percent and a severe acute malnutrition (SAM) rate of 1.2 percent for West Darfur, above the emergency SAM threshold rate of 1 percent. The survey recommended continued targeted and blanket supplementary feeding, as well as a follow-up survey to monitor trends. However, the early March NGO expulsions significantly diminished nutrition capacity in West Darfur, including staff availability. According to the joint GNU–U.N. assessment mission to Darfur, the expulsions reduced the number of health and nutrition personnel in West Darfur from 444 to 192 medical staff.
- According to UNICEF and the South Darfur State MOH, nutrition staff in South Darfur have observed normal admission trends to outpatient therapeutic feeding programs in Al Salam, Dereig, Kerere, Otash, and El Sereif IDP camps in South Darfur. In Al Salam camp, nutrition personnel reported that a total of 93 children under five years of age are currently enrolled in feeding programs. In Kalma camp, UNICEF recorded 16 children in the therapeutic feeding center; however, IDP camp leaders have refused to allow a medical doctor trained in treating severe acute malnutrition to enter the camp.

### **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- The U.S. Government (USG) is the largest bilateral donor to Sudan and has contributed more than \$4 billion for humanitarian programs in Sudan and eastern Chad since FY 2004.
- USAID/OFDA and USAID/FFP have provided more than \$1.1 billion in food and non-food humanitarian assistance to Sudan and eastern Chad in FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009. In addition, USAID/OTI has provided more than \$20 million in assistance to northern Sudan in FY 2008 and FY 2009. The expulsions eliminated approximately 54 percent of USAID/OFDA's humanitarian programs in Darfur, 40 percent of the delivery capacity of USAID/FFP's main partner, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), and shut down USAID/OTI's primary implementing partner PADCO-AECOM.

<b>USAID AND STATE ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN AND EASTERN CHAD IN FY 2009</b>			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>FY 2009 DARFUR, SUDAN</b>			
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
CARE	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Darfur-wide	\$529,638
Samaritan's Purse	Shelter and Settlements	South Darfur	\$382,926
Terre Des Hommes	Protection, Shelter and Settlements	West Darfur	\$1,000,000
U.N. Humanitarian Air Service	Humanitarian Air Service	Darfur-wide	\$7,000,000
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Darfur-wide	\$1,722,438
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Darfur-wide	\$700,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$11,335,002</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
WFP	200,711 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Darfur-wide	\$223,739,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$223,739,000</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Protection and Assistance for IDPs	Darfur-wide	\$8,850,000
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Protection and Assistance for IDPs	Darfur-wide	\$4,600,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$13,450,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR in FY 2009</b>			<b>\$235,074,002</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR in FY 2009</b>			<b>\$248,524,002</b>
<b>FY 2009 EASTERN CHAD</b>			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
Action Contre la Faim	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$500,000
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization	Agriculture and Food Security	Eastern Chad	\$325,000
USAID	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Eastern Chad	\$5,409
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Eastern Chad	\$116,125
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$946,534</b>
<b>FY 2009 USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	45,340 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$64,105,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$64,105,000</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
ICRC	Protection and Assistance to Conflict Victims	Eastern Chad	\$2,750,000
UNHCR	IDP Protection	Eastern Chad	\$1,375,000
UNHCR	Refugee Protection and Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$8,850,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$12,975,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD in FY 2009</b>			<b>\$65,051,534</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD in FY 2009</b>			<b>\$78,026,534</b>
<b>FY 2009 SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR</b>			
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
Concern Worldwide	Agriculture and Food Security, Logistics and Relief Commodities	Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Southern Kordofan	\$1,200,000

German Agro Action	Agriculture and Food Security, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Southern Kordofan	\$1,249,876
GOAL	Health	Warab, Southern Blue Nile, Abyei	\$3,300,000
International Rescue Committee	Health	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	\$800,000
Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)	Agriculture and Food Security	Jonglei	\$1,494,996
Tearfund	Health	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	\$535,500
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Sudan-wide	\$273,433
Vétérinaires Sans Frontières	Agriculture and Food Security	Upper Nile, Warab, Eastern Equatoria, Central Equatoria, Unity, Jonglei	\$800,000
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Sudan-wide	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$10,653,805</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
Catholic Relief Services	5,050 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern Sudan	\$8,555,400
NPA	2,860 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern Sudan	\$6,234,100
WFP	62,689 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern Sudan, Three Areas, Eastern Sudan	\$69,881,800
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$84,671,300</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
UNHCR	Refugee Protection and Assistance	Sudan-wide	\$1,700,000
UNHCR	Refugee Repatriation and Reintegration	Southern Sudan	\$7,450,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$9,150,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR in FY 2009</b>			<b>\$95,325,105</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR in FY 2009</b>			<b>\$104,475,105</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 30, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

<sup>3</sup> State/PRM funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 30, 2009.